

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/22/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5, 7-11, 13-16 and 18-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 03/22/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35 U.S. Code not included in this section can be found in the prior office action.
2. The prior office actions are incorporated herein by reference.
3. Claims 1, 6, 12 and 17 have been cancelled.
4. Claims 2-5, 7, 9-11, 13-16, 18 and 20-22 have been amended.
5. Claims 23-26 have been newly added.
6. Claims 2-5, 7-11, 13-16, 18-26, now re-numbered as claims 1-22 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John D. Magluyan on 04/25/2007.

Claim 10 has been replaced with:

10. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein, said control unit is adapted to control said information reading unit to preclude from reading the predetermined information stored in the portable storage medium and designated to be secret, in a case where the portable storage medium is moved out of the predetermined area.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 03/22/2007 have been fully considered and they are persuasive.

Allowable Subject matter

9. Claims 2-5, 7-11, 13-16, 18-26 are allowed over prior art of record.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

10. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Newly amended independent claims 2, 7, 13, 18 are allowed in view of the amendment and for reasons argued by applicant in pages 15-18 of the Remarks. In particular, prior art of record fails to teach "the "control unit is adapted to control the information reading unit to read predetermined information from the portable storage medium, to store the read predetermined information in the storage unit, and to preclude from reading the predetermined information stored in the portable storage medium in a case where the portable storage medium is moved out of a predetermined area, and (ii) the control unit is adapted to control the information writing unit to write the predetermined information stored in the storage unit into the portable storage medium in a case where the portable storage medium is moved into the predetermined area" **as recited by independent claim 2**, " (i) an administration unit adapted to administrate specific information, stored in the portable storage medium, for specifying the portable storage medium,(ii) a judgment unit adapted to judge whether or not the specific information read from the portable storage medium by the information reading unit matches with the specific information administrated by the administration unit, (iii) wherein the control unit is adapted to control the information reading unit to preclude from reading predetermined information stored

in the portable storage medium in a case where the portable storage medium is moved out of a predetermined area and it is judged by the judgment unit that the specific information read from the portable storage medium matches with the specific information administered by the administration unit, **as recited by independent claim 7**, “ (i) a storage step of reading predetermined information from the portable storage medium and storing the read predetermined information in another storage medium different from the portable storage medium in a case where the portable storage medium is moved out of a predetermined area, (ii) wherein the information reading step precludes from reading the predetermined information stored in the portable storage medium in a case where the portable storage medium is moved out of the predetermined area, and (iii) the information writing step writes the predetermined information stored in the storage medium into the portable storage medium in a case where the portable storage medium is moved into the predetermined area, **as recited by independent claim 13**, and “ (i) a judgment step of judging whether or not specific information read from the portable storage medium in the information reading step matches with specific information administrated in another storage medium, (ii) wherein the information reading step precludes from reading predetermined information stored in the portable storage medium in a case where the portable storage medium is moved out of the predetermined area and it is judged in the judgment step that the specific information read from the portable storage medium matches with the specific information administrated in the another storage medium, **as recited by Independent claim 18**.

Dependent claims 3-5, 8-11, 14-16, 19 -26 depend upon one of the above-mentioned allowed claims and are therefore allowed by virtue of their dependencies.

None of the prior art of record, either taken by itself or in any combination, would have anticipated or made obvious the invention of the present application at or before the time it was filed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taghi T. Arani whose telephone number is (571) 272-3787. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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